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## CHAUTAUQUA WILL OPEN IN BELDING TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

OPENING PROGRAM WILL BE  
GIVEN BY KILLARNEY GIRLS  
AND RITA RICH

The date set for the Chautauqua in Belding is August 1. The program is of the usual high order and is meeting with big success all along the course.

Julia Clausen, eminent contralto of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, will appear on the season's program. Pierre Henrotte, concert master, and Marcel Charlier, director of French operas of the Chicago Opera Company, are the assisting artists. Mme. Clausen and her family, also the assisting artists, will travel over the Chautauqua circuit in a private car.

A striking new note is seen in this year's program in the production of Percy Mackeye's "Sanctuary"—a Bird Masque and Pageant with special costumes, and with a woodland setting secured through a newly invented process for throwing pictures directly on the air without the aid of a screen. Ernest Harold Baynes, the well-known naturalist, in this masque in the evening, and in the afternoon will give a lecture on birds and animals.

The White Hussars, thirteen in all, scheduled for two performances with Alfred Sweeney, director, have developed a high standard in band music and they also appear as a vocal choir of equal merit. They have appeared for four years in trans-continental tours in which they have played in nearly all the large cities.

On the third night of the Chautauqua, a half-hour's address will be given by an authority on the place of the drama in community life, and this will be followed by The Parish Players in a presentation of a strong and timely one-act drama, known as "The War Zone." "The Lady Teazle," scene from "The School for Scandal," will next be presented, then a romantic play and lastly a pleasing one-act comedy.

The Schumann Quintet, also on the Chautauqua week program, a classical chamber music organization, with an established place in the musical world, in addition to their orchestral instruments, carry with them a real pipe organ—a novelty indeed for a traveling organization.

In the opening program the Killarney Girls and Rita Rich, a company of six, attired in Irish costumes and with appropriate stage setting, will present a program of Irish music from the simple folk lore to the classical.

Among the lecturers, Ny Poon Chew, former consul of the Chinese government in San Francisco, editor of the first Chinese paper in America, and long known as the "Chinese Mark Twain," will lecture on "The New China and Her Relations to the Western World."

Allen D. Albert, president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, chairman of the Civic Federation of Minnesota, president of the Minnesota Academy of Social Sciences, and former editor of the Minneapolis Tribune, will deliver an evening lecture on this great program on phases of social welfare and community problems.

William Rainey Bennett will appear on the opening night in an inspirational lecture having to do with the elements of success and entitled "The Man Who Can." Mr. Bennett has had the experience which enables him to talk on this subject. He started his college course with \$10 and graduated with money in his pocket, having paid his way by singing.

Dr. E. T. Hagerman who has occupied the six leading pulpits of his denomination in six cities, a genius in word painting, and his thoughts emphasized by natural wholesome wit, has the gift of putting fundamental truths very simply. He will be heard on the closing afternoon.

The usual attention will be given to morning hour and the children's play-ground work. In fact, the story tellers or playground workers will remain one day longer in each city than they did a year ago.

Silver Jubilee Held  
The silver jubilee of F. John E. Troy of Parnell was held Tuesday. High mass was said in the morning and other exercises appropriate to the occasion were given. Fr. Troy is well-known throughout the state and the services of Tuesday were well attended by clergymen from different sections.

## RINGLING BROS. SHOW AT GRAND RAPIDS

Announcement is made that on Thursday, July 6 Ringling Bros. circus will give afternoon and night performances at Grand Rapids.

The famous showmen are this season presenting an all new and wonderful program. The tremendous fairland spectacle, "Cinderella" will appeal to both young and old. More than 1000 persons take part in it. It is easily the biggest spectacle Ringling Bros. have ever staged and its glorious "Ballet of the Fairies" with 300 dancing girls, is in itself worth going many miles to see. Following "Cinderella" 400 acrobatic artists appear in the main tent program. Because of the great European war the Ringlings have secured scores of circus performers never before seen in America. An entire trained animal show has been made a part of the main tent program this season. The menagerie now numbers 1000 wild animals. The elephants, including "Big Bingo," the world's largest pachyderm, have been increased to 41 and almost 800 horses are carried. There will be 60 clowns and a big free three-mile parade show day morning.

## HERBERT NOBLE SENDS WORD FROM ENGLAND

Word was received from Herbert Noble by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Noble, the latter part of the week, telling of his safe arrival at London, England. Herbert had been granted a leave of absence for a week and had gone to West Hartlepool to visit with relatives. Young Noble reported finding them feeling fine and in high spirits.

Mr. and Mrs. Noble visited in Lansing a week ago with their son, William Arthur, just before his departure to Grayling. Arthur is a corporal, although the major part of his work has been along engineering lines.

## STUDENTS FAIL IN EXAMINATIONS ALL OVER MICHIGAN

SEVERAL PREVENTABLE CAUSES  
WHY THESE FAILURES  
EXIST

At this time of the year when reports are coming in at Lansing of the success or failure of the annual crop of eighth grade pupils who recently took the state examinations to qualify for high school, the educational diagnostics are again trying to figure out why so many pupils fail to pass. In one county, for instance, out of a total of 177 who took the test 92 failed to make the necessary grade. In many other counties the proposition is somewhat better, but the figures quoted are not far from the average.

Several reasons for this condition have been advanced—low teachers' salaries with the resulting keeping out of the profession of the highest grade of men and women, poor school plants in many counties, with in sufficient educational equipment, etc. But one factor that has hitherto usually been overlooked is the part disease plays in the annual crop of failures. In many a county there are several minor epidemics during the average school year, necessitating pupils to be away from school sessions during part of the year and causing them to fall behind. In the county quoted above there were several epidemics of a quite serious nature during the past year, and the evidence is strong that they had a vital relation to the poor record the pupils made.

One of the answers to this educational problem is the appointment of more county visiting nurses, according to the state board of health officials. Only two counties in the state, Kent and Ottawa, have such nurses. The work of the county nurse is largely to nip epidemics in the bud. The state is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars each year for school work of pupils who fail because of such preventable causes. This represents a large waste annually, much of which could be prevented by proper health service and by providing other similar agencies. The state could thus help the pupils to put forth their best powers during their school years.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN SESSION THIS WEEK

The board of supervisors is in session this week in Ionia, having met there for its first meeting Monday. The session is called by the regular statute of 1911, which provided that every third and fifth year the supervisors should meet in June to equalize the state. The board of the county met in 1914 for the first time under this provision, this being the second session for this particular purpose. The board, however, will be busy all the week on many other matters that may develop, as well as the allowing of bills.

Barney C. Curtis, supervisor of the third ward of this city, is presiding chairman of the board.

Are Moving to Charlotte  
N. C. Nielsen left Monday for Charlotte to arrange for moving his household goods to that city, preparatory to his beginning school work in September. Mrs. Nielsen and her mother, Mrs. Anna Buck, and Miss Ruth Buck left for Charlotte to spend a few weeks at their old home there. Mr. Nielsen and Ruth will also visit his father for several weeks on the Nielsen farm in Montcalm county. Their many friends in this city regret their leaving here.

Premature Congratulations  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Ayers received a letter of congratulations from some former neighbors at Columbiaville last week expressing best wishes for their baby boy. The message was a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Ayers as they have only two children, both girls, the youngest being eight years old. How the former neighbors obtained the false information is a mystery to the family here.

Luncheon Postponed  
On account of the Fourth of July coming on Tuesday, the regular time for the board of commerce luncheon, the event has been postponed to the Thursday following or July 6. All members are invited to attend.

Premiums Increased  
The premiums to be awarded the exhibitors in the Draft Horse (breeding classes) at the State Fair, Detroit, will be 25 per cent larger than awarded last fall. Premiums in these classes will total nearly \$25,000.00. Michigan exhibitors who are prize winners will be given additional awards equal to 25 per cent of the original premiums. Michigan exhibitors whose draft horses are awarded prizes will receive 50 per cent more in cash than they were awarded last fall. There will be classes for mules, and \$245.00 in cash premiums will be awarded. There will also be classes for mulefoot hogs with suitable premiums.

## TWENTY YEARS IN BANKING BUSINESS HERE IN BELDING

WM. F. SANDELL HAS MADE A  
SUCCESS OF INSTITUTION  
AND IS ENLARGING

Wm. F. Sandell has been in the banking business in Belding for twenty years. He opened a bank in the room now occupied by E. Chapple & Co., on South Pleasant street in June, 1896, and continued in the same room almost sixteen years. Four years ago he moved the bank's quarters to its present location on West Main street.

The early part of June Mr. Sandell began taking checking accounts, a branch of the business he had never encouraged before. With the opening of this new department Sandell's bank now handles any business that is usually transacted by a bank. In addition local agencies for several of the leading insurance companies are located there.

During his twenty years as a banker in Belding Mr. Sandell has been an influential figure in the city's industrial and financial growth. Conservative and far-sighted in all his business dealings he has made a success for himself and has also given valuable advice of others, who were uncertain of business moves. Beginning years ago he maintained a graduated scale of interest on savings deposits, and has never deviated from it.

In the advertisement of Sandell's Bank this week Mr. Sandell's invites everyone to pay him a visit and get acquainted. He also gives his interest rates on savings deposits. Read it on the last page of the Banner.

## EVA BELLE SHELDON IS A JUNE BRIDE

On June 21 the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sheldon of Oakfield was crowded with relatives and friends to witness the marriage of their daughter, Eva Belle Sheldon, to Mr. Niram F. Harris, also of Oakfield.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, while Miss Maggie Nash, the bridesmaid, wore a gown of green and white and carried pink roses. The ring service was used.

The wedding presents were many and beautiful.

The guests, after a sumptuous repast, were happily munching on bride's cake, surrounding the small tables on the lawn, while the bride and groom accompanied by one of their guests, Miss Minnie Cook, made their escape in an automobile, and caught the afternoon train for Belding, where they were entertained at the home of Mrs. E. A. Cook until Thursday a. m., when they left for Bay View, a trip to the Straits and other points of interest. Miss Sheldon, Belding friends join in wishing her and her husband a long and happy life.

Vulcanizing Tires  
Claude Cowles has opened a complete vulcanizing shop in Collier Bros. Garage, and is prepared to serve the automobile public in a thorough and efficient way. Read his announcement in another column of the Banner this week.

## PAST MATRON NIGHT AT DORIC CHAPTER

Doric Chapter No. 75, Order of the Eastern Star, held a very interesting meeting at Mason hall Tuesday night, the occasion being the regular annual for past matrons to do the work and also for the presentation of past matrons' jewels.

There was a very large attendance of the membership and past matrons occupied the chairs and exemplified the initiatory work, two candidates being admitted. The stations were occupied by Mary Cannon, matron; Mrs. Myrta Unger, associate matron; Mrs. M. A. Reed, secretary; Mrs. W. L. Atwood, treasurer; Mrs. M. A. Chapman, chaplain; Mrs. D. D. Skellenger, marshal; Mrs. E. B. Lapham, warder; Mrs. Geo. A. Stanton, conductress; Mrs. Louis Sayles, associate conductress; Mrs. Maude Filkins, Adah; Mrs. W. S. Lamberton, Ruth; Mrs. P. A. Fredericks, Esther; Mrs. Etta McLaughlin, Martha and Mrs. J. C. Ames, Electa.

Although some of the old officers had not been in the work for several years they were highly complimented for the efficient way they did it. At the close of the work worthy Matron Mrs. Earle Wilson presented to Mrs. Cannon and Mrs. Unger on behalf of the chapter, their past matron jewels in brief and appropriate words to which the recipients replied with thanks for the high honor conferred, which they deeply appreciated.

Among the large number present were: Mrs. George Madden of Boyne City Chapter; Mrs. Bernetta Thompson of Unity Chapter, Newaygo and Mrs. B. N. Talcott of Saranac Chapter.

A fine supper was served at 6:30 o'clock in the banquet rooms.

Injured in a Mine  
On Friday Mrs. Allen Bauman received the sad news concerning her sister's husband, Albin Burglund of Metairie, Wash. While employed in a mine through an accident he fell some twenty feet sustaining serious injuries. The gas in the mine made his condition much more serious. He was removed to a hospital, with some hopes for his recovery. This is a sad shock to his wife's people as they had only been married a couple of months and are practically among strangers.

F. & A. M. Communication  
Regular communication of Belding Lodge No. 355 F. & A. M. next Monday evening, July 3. All brothers requested to attend. J. B. Cook, W. M.

TO CORRESPONDENTS  
Next Tuesday will be the Fourth of July. It will be a national holiday. The Banner urges all correspondents to get their letters in on Monday if possible. Letters received Wednesday may not be in time for insertion in next week's issue. If you can mail your letters Monday morning they will be sure to reach the Banner office in time.

## SCHOOL PLANS FOR COMING YEAR ARE BEING FORMULATED

BOARD OF EDUCATION HAS AL-  
MOST COMPLETED WORK OF  
HIRING TEACHERS

## AGRICULTURAL COURSE WILL MEET WITH FAVOR

Additional Room for School Purposes  
a Necessity; Matter Will Come  
Up at Annual Meeting

The Board of Education has almost completed the hiring of teachers for the coming school year. One or two positions are still in doubt but word is expected from the person selected, accepting the positions within a few days. The list of teachers elected and who have accepted situations to date are: J. A. Langston, superintendent; L. Hockstad, principal; Freda M. Brown, primary department; Rachael V. Walton, primary department; Ula Grace, seventh grade; Arthur J. Reed, commercial department; Ruth Ager, first grade; Sarah Hopwood, second grade; Frances L. Bailey, eighth grade; Sara Giddings, sixth grade and domestic science; Magdalene DePore, intermediate; Sarah Helmich, intermediate; Post-Radcliffe, primary; Gladys M. Bradt, music and drawing; George W. Pellett, agriculture and manual training; Mary Underwood, history and mathematics; Flora Willett, sixth grade; Georgia Ellery, kindergarten; Edna Biss, seventh and eighth grade assistant; Fairy Mount, third and fourth grades; S. T. Roberts, science; Grace Travis, English and history.

The selecting of teachers to fill the vacancies in the high school department graduates of universities and reputable colleges, have been chosen. This brings the local schools up to a first place position among the high schools of the state and gives them a place on the college list. Patrons of the schools are assured that their children will be given the best possible instruction, the tutorage of college graduates.

The agricultural department will be of great advantage to students desiring to take up a course of agricultural as their specialties. In placing this course the local school has taken a step in advance of any school in the county and one which few high schools of the state offer. Mr. Pellett, the teacher in charge, being a practical man will be able to give the farmers of the community much valuable assistance. As he is also a practical man for the manual training department much good may be expected of him there.

Everything points to a very successful school year. Additional room will, of necessity, be provided to take care of the constantly increasing enrollment. This feature will come up for discussion at the annual school meeting.

## TRIPLE WEDDING TO BE SOLEMNIZED HERE THIS EVENING

LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED.  
THREE DEVAULT SISTERS  
TO MARRY

Marriage licenses have been issued for a triple wedding. The event is to take place this Wednesday evening at the home of Wm. DeVault on Hanbrook street, at which time his three daughters, Fanny M., Francis E., and Edna Pearl, are to become the brides of Myron G. Wiggins, Wm. E. Sower and Guy Hubbard respectively. The ceremony is to be performed by Rev. C. M. Pease at eight o'clock.

A triple wedding is rather an unusual event and when three of the contracting parties are sisters it is even more unusual. The Misses DeVault have been faithful workers in the local mills and are well and favorably known. Mr. Wiggins is an employee of the Belding Basket company. Mr. Sower is employed at various kinds of work and Mr. Hubbard is a farmer. The newly married couples will live in Belding.

## CANDIDATE FOR PROS- ECUTING ATTORNEY

Harry H. Gemeund, one of the popular young attorneys of Ionia, has announced himself a candidate for the nomination of prosecuting attorney on the Republican ticket and his numerous friends vouch for his qualifications for the office. With his entrance into the field Republican voters will have an opportunity of a choice of three candidates: J. Clyde Watt, Herbert C. Hall and Mr. Gemeund.

STORES WILL BE CLOSED  
ON TUESDAY, JULY 4th.

## BELDING A CITY OF BEAUTIFUL LAWNS AND HOMES

WELL KEPT PREMISES THE  
RULE RATHER THAN THE  
EXCEPTION

The sojourn through our fair city is invariably impressed with the beauty and attractiveness of the lawns and residences. Without elaboration of any kind the homes of Belding are well-kept, and kept in good repair. Shrubbery is found skirting every home and also growing in the odd nooks and corners of the lawns.

Lawns in all parts of the city are carefully clipped and free from weeds. Edges are trimmed and ragged lines along buildings and other places are not allowed to thrive. More than the usual amount of flowering plants were planted around the dwellings last spring. Window boxes are also in abundance.

Another praise-worthy practice of the residents of Belding is their care in providing for the comfort of the birds. Scarcely a home can be found but has from one to half a dozen bird houses placed at convenient places about the premises. Few cities of Michigan have as many birds, and as wide a variety, as come here annually to remain during the summer months.

Former Graduate Meets Success  
Leroy Butolph, a graduate of the Belding schools in 1909 and of the Kalamazoo in 1913, has just received the degree of Master of Science from the latter institution. Mr. Butolph has been retained as a member of the college faculty. He will teach physics next year.

## PIANO PUPILS GAVE HOME RECITAL TUESDAY

A very commendable recital was given by the piano pupils of Miss Margarette Lamb at her home on South Pleasant street Tuesday evening. Upwards of ninety parents and friends of her pupils were present. The home was tastefully decorated with roses and abundantly lighted. The Misses Florence Fisher and Iris McElroy were the ushers.

The program of the evening, given in two parts and each part having ten numbers, was marked only by the inability of two of the students to appear and by Clayton Knapp's being unable to sing. Miss Lamb's mother sang instead of Mr. Knapp.

All the parents were well pleased with the success of the evening and complimented Miss Lamb highly for her ability in training her students. As her students advance in the work it is noted that they acquire the grace and ease of action and also the confidence of correct tones and volume so necessary to successful musicians. Special mention should be made of the numbers rendered by Miss Sarah Hawley, one of Miss Lamb's most advanced pupils. Miss Hawley's rendition given in two parts was classed as one of the best ever heard in a recital given by junior pupils. She expects to take up music in a college this fall.

The home recital, so popular in the cities, is well-liked by local musicians and is the usual practice of Miss Lamb.

## GREENVILLE LADY MAKES BIG GIFT

At the quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Library Board, held June 8 in Greenville, an announcement was made that Miss Mary Fish was about to present to the school library of Greenville, a large part of her own private library, consisting of twenty-five volumes of The American Encyclopedia, a number of choice reference books, historical and poetical volumes, also one hundred and fifty bound volumes of the popular magazines of the day, making a total of about 300 volumes. This is indeed a generous gift on the part of Miss Fish, and will be highly appreciated, not only by the teachers and pupils of the schools, but by a reading public as well.

Entertained for Miss Buck  
The Misses Marion and Ruth Edwards entertained a company of young ladies last Friday evening for Miss Ruth Buck, who is soon to leave for Charlotte. Several games were played, Margaret Wilbur winning the prize, which was a very pretty pin. Miss Buck was also presented with a pretty pin by the two hostesses.

Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Edwards, after which the girls with many regrets, bade Miss Ruth good-bye, hoping she would enjoy her new home.

Bridge Floor Complete  
The work of laying the floor in the West Main street bridge is completed. The tar and pitch filler was flowed into the crevices between the concrete blocks Monday and Tuesday. The whole floor was covered with fine sand and after the filler was placed. The sand worked down in the cracks to the filler and forms a cushion for the expansion and contraction of the tar and pitch, thus eliminating the bulging out of the tar.

Has Graduation Present  
G. C. Miller of Big Rapids was in the city over Sunday. He recently graduated at the Big Rapids institute and as a graduating present from his father he was given a good-sized check with the statement that he was to pay the expense of a trip during the vacation to any or all parts of the United States, which he might select. He was on his way to Detroit and from there will take in the South, West and later spending some time in the city of Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Underwood and daughter, Pauline, spent Sunday at Monroe.

## LARGE CONFIRMATION CLASS AT ST. JOSEPH

Forty people were in the confirmation class at St. Joseph's Catholic church last Friday morning. Fifteen of them came from the Miriam church and the remainder from the city. The church was crowded to capacity, regardless of the fact that rain poured down incessantly just as the people were gathering.

Assisting Fr. J. M. Zindler were Fr. McCarthy of Ionia; Fr. Sunday of Grand Rapids and Rt. Rev. Edward O. Kelley of Detroit. Fr. Sunday said high mass at 8:30 and this service was followed by the confirmation services.

## FOURTH OF JULY TO BE A BIG DAY FOR IONIA PEOPLE

\$1,000 DISPLAY OF PAIN'S FIRE-  
WORKS EVENT TO CLOSE  
THE PROGRAM

Ionia's Fourth of July celebration is being arranged by the Chautauqua association, and a monster celebration closing with a \$1,000 display of Pains fireworks in the evening is the promise of the committee which has had the program for the day in charge.

The events will all take place at the Chautauqua grounds, and from 1:00 p. m., until the close of the mammoth fireworks display in the evening, there won't be a moment when something won't be doing.

The celebration starts at 1:00 o'clock p. m., with a band concert in the Chautauqua tent, followed at 2:00 o'clock with a one hour concert by the splendid Oxford Company of Chicago. At 3:00 o'clock Hon. John Temple Graves, one of the brainiest and most polished orators the Southland has ever produced, will deliver the address of the day, and address running over with patriotism, filled with sentiments especially pertinent at this critical time in the history of our country. Following the address by Mr. Graves comes the base ball game at 4:30 p. m., and another band concert at 6:30 p. m. The Oxford Company will give their splendid production "Arms and the Man" in the Chautauqua tent at 7:30 p. m., and at the close of their concert will come the big event of the day, the \$1,000 display of Pains fireworks. The day will be full of the very best kind of entertainment, and no man, woman or child can afford to miss the big celebration.

Ionia's Chautauqua this year is the best the county seat has ever enjoyed, and the program every afternoon and evening is filled with splendid speakers and entertainment companies.

The admission charge is only 25 cents each session—and you get the biggest 25 cents worth of high-grade entertainment you ever bought for the money.

Attend every session you can, but be sure to plan to spend all day the Fourth of July at Ionia. Don't miss a single event on the program, especially the \$1,000 display of Pains fireworks.—adv.

## INTERESTING FIGURES FROM WEIGHMASTER

Preserve F. Curtis, weighmaster and custodian of the city scales, gives out some interesting figures and statistics relative to the amount of business done at his office from November 6 to July 1. He has registered weights for 322 tons of hay, 65,361 bushels of potatoes, 811 bushels of wheat, 2,126 bushels of corn, 88 bushels of beans, 128,140 pounds of beef cattle, 223,680 pounds of hogs, 2,650 pounds sheep, 750 pounds of dressed pork, 138 tons junk, 3 tons bones and 17 tons ashes.

The city scales are proving very popular with the farmers and produce dealers and Mr. Curtis is giving good service.

An Unfortunate Occurrence  
The many friends and relatives of Alton Chickering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Chickering, prominent and highly respected farmers, who live a few miles south of the city, were shocked Monday morning to hear of his attempted suicide. He is about 24 years old and for some season known only to himself, he went to his room Sunday evening and fired a shot into his breast from a small pistol. Luckily the charge did not reach a vital spot and his physician, Dr. Pinkham, thinks there will be no serious results.

Alton had been out for a ride and called on Mary Kreiger but remained only a short time, returning home soon after his visit. His many friends hope he may fully recover from the unfortunate incident.

Bert Freeman Died in Stockton  
Daniel King received a telegram Tuesday that Bert Freeman, a former resident here, died in Stockton, California June 26. He was 28 years old and went west about six years ago. The first dispatch stated that his remains would be brought here but a later one from his brother, Frank Freeman, from Laporte, Ind., said that the burial would take place in California.

Marriage Licenses  
Alton E. Raymond, 22, Belding; Clara B. Miller, 18, Greenville; John D. Emmons, 22, Belding; Effie D. Cole, 25, Belding; Jess Ray Carrill, 21, Greenville; Marie E. LeMure, 22, Belding; Victor D. Carlisle, 24, Grand Rapids; Abbie L. Dalton, 23, Ionia; Myron A. Wiggins, 28, Belding; Fannie M. Devault, 29, Belding; William H. Sower, 27, Belding; Francis E. Devault, 27, Belding; Guy Hubbard, 24, Belding; Edna Pearl Devault, 19, Belding.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR IONIA COUNTY ASSOCIATION

HELD ANNUAL MEETING AND  
ELECTED OFFICERS. EX-  
CELLENT TALKS

The Ionia County Christian Endeavor Society held its annual meeting in the city Saturday and Sunday. Each session was held in the Church of Christ beginning Saturday evening. The attendance from the different associations in the county was not as large as was expected, but there was no lack of interest and enthusiasm in the message it brought.

At the evening session Saturday, in the absence of the president of the association, Miss Abbie Moore of this city had charge of the meeting and gave a very fine talk in her introductory remarks. Rev. Chas. M. Pease led in the devotionals and the singing was in charge of Roy Simmons, who also sang a solo. Laverne Spafford, state field secretary, was present and gave a most interesting address on making the most of the Christian Endeavor. Mr. Spafford is a fine speaker and throws much force and enthusiasm into his work.

At the meeting Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, a spirited song service was the name of Miss Eleanor Miske for president; Miss Helen Lapham, vice-president, and Miss Lena Dawdy of Portland, for treasurer.

A nominating committee consisting of Wilfred Blair, Marion Caslin, Eleanor Miske and Laverne Spafford were appointed to name the officers for the coming year. The committee reported the names of Miss Eleanor Miske for president; Miss Helen Lapham, vice-president, and Miss Lena Dawdy of Portland, for treasurer.

The evening meeting was preceded by the Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 o'clock, led by Rev. Pease, and in which a large number took part, making it a very inspiring session to the two societies of the city and the visiting delegates. The song service, in which a large chorus took part, was led by Mr. Simmons and the audience was favored with a beautiful duet by Miss Lottie Hopkins and Mr. Simmons. The theme for the splendid address given by Mr. Spafford, was "The Campaign for Millions," and he showed from the past history of the Christian Endeavor movement the great progress it had made during its world-wide spread in the last thirty-five years since its organization in Maine by Francis Clarke, that there was no question but that the goal will be reached. He urged greater efficiency in the work of building up the societies and of increasing the membership on the part of the membership and entering into the work with a definite purpose in view.

At the morning service Sunday in the Congregational church, Mr. Spafford spoke on "Big Business" and contrasted the business of instructing the boys and girls and the objects and purposes of Christian Endeavor in that line of preparing them for world activities, being a greater business than any that is being carried on in the commercial and financial world.

## Thimble Party Entertained

About twenty citizens of Ionia, mostly men and their wives, motored to Belding last Friday afternoon in company with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Moulton, and spent the afternoon and evening. Trips were made through the silk mills. A general tour of the city also was a feature. At seven thirty o'clock the party were banqueted at Hotel Belding, where Manager Dunham had prepared a feast according to the hostelry's usual high standard.

The ladies of the party are members of an Ionia thimble club and were being entertained by their husbands. The visitors returned home about ten o'clock.

More Recruits for Service Needed  
Recruits are still wanted for the 32nd regiment, Michigan National Guard. Every company is desirous of filling up its quota to full war strength and all men who desire to enlist should report at once to the Armory in Ionia, where an officer will be in charge to give information and forward them to the state camp at Grayling.

## Open Air Meetings

Following the usual custom of the churches the afternoon union meetings will be in the open air. The location is east of the Banner office and the time is five o'clock. The first open air meeting will be held next Sunday afternoon.

The following is the program for the meetings:

July 2.—Speaker, Rev. Pease; chairman, Rev. Blair.  
July 9.—Speaker, Rev. Blair; chairman, Rev. Hudnutt.  
July 16.—Speaker, Rev. Hudnutt; chairman, Rev. Biss.  
July 23.—Speaker, Rev. Biss; chairman, Rev. Doty.  
July 30.—Speaker, Rev. Doty; chairman, Rev. Hudnutt.  
August 6.—Speaker, Rev. Hudnutt; chairman, Rev. Biss.  
August 13.—Speaker, Rev. Biss; chairman, Rev. Doty.  
August 20.—Speaker, Rev. Doty; chairman, Rev. Pease.  
August 27.—Speaker, Rev. Pease; chairman, Rev. Blair.  
These meetings will commence at 5:00 p. m., east of the Banner office. The Young Peoples Societies will meet at 6:15 at their respective churches.